

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed on October 2, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles W. Fallow on October 9, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 7, "said application device" has been changed to "said application module," line 9, "the application devices" has been changed to "the application modules," and in line 12, "the application device" has been changed to "the application module."

In claim 2, line 2, "the application device" has been changed to "the application module."

In claim 4, line 2, "the application device" has been changed to "the application module."

In claim 6, line 2, "the application device" has been changed to "the application module."

In claim 7, line 2, "the application device" has been changed to "the application module."

In claim 8, line 2, "the application device" has been changed to "the application module."

In claim 7, line 2, "application device" has been changed to "application module" and in line 3, "application device" has been changed to "application module."

In claim 10, line 3, "application device" has been changed to "application module."

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-10 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims recite an apparatus for processing continuous material. The apparatus includes an installation for processing continuous materials, said installation comprising a roll arrangement for guiding the continuous material, having a deflection and/or pressure roll and a plurality of fluid application modules, each adapted to interact with said deflection and/or pressure roll, for applying a fluid to the continuous material, each said application device being an independent structural unit which can be removably connected to the processing installation and subsequently replaced by another one of said modules for easily adapting the application modules to the fluid to be applied, the deflection and/or pressure roll being arranged on the processing installation in such a way that, when the application module is removed from the installation, the deflection

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and/or pressure roll remains on the processing installation and said modules having different fluid application principles. Pankake discloses an apparatus for coating strip. The apparatus includes a guide or backup roll (28), i.e. deflection and/or pressure roll, and coating applicator roll (30) (Col 7, lines 1-8), the coating applicator is mounted on a pair of mounting brackets and the mounting brackets are mounted on slidably mounted support sleds (42a,b, c) (Col 8, lines 13-37), which form a pedestal (100), which allow for replacement with different applicators (Col 9, lines 52-58), which allows the applicator roll (30) to slide into and out of position for coating the strip (Col 10, lines 1-31) with the deflection and/or pressure roll remain in position. Pankake is silent as to the apparatus includes a second application device applying a different application principle and replacing the first application device with the second application device, which uses a different application principles.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sing P. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-1225. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-11:00AM and 12:00PM-4:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Philip C. Tucker can be reached on 571-272-1095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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